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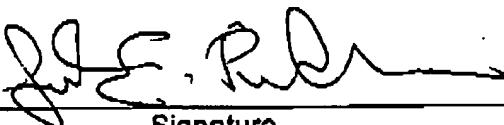
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is a reply to the Office Action, dated March 21, 2006, which issued in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents for an extension of time of one month from June 21, 2006 to July 21, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a). The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number 501-908 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) for any deficiency or overpayment of fees necessary for this extension. This Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.